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1. [REDACTED] - JGO) Talked briefly to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and told him that we have only a preliminary estimate of the possible effect of the Tad Szulc article on relations in Chile. I also told him that TASS has picked up the item which was broadcast from Moscow in English yesterday afternoon. I read the text to him over the phone. He indicated he would like to discuss these matters further whenever I can come by the office to see him.

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2. [REDACTED] - GLC) Received a call from [REDACTED] in the Office of Security, regarding some questions pertaining to the access clearances to compartmented information for Robert Hartmann, of House Minority Leader Gerald Ford's staff. I told [REDACTED] it was my feeling STATOTHR any questions that are to be put to Hartmann regarding his clearances should be raised with him by the White House and not by us. I recommended, however, that [REDACTED] take this matter up with Mr. Osborn.

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3. [REDACTED] - GLC) Checked with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, regarding the Agency budget. I told him it was our understanding that the House Appropriations Committee would cut [REDACTED] and planned to defer until the supplemental defense appropriation appropriating the [REDACTED] to cover certain pay increases. I told him we wanted to be certain that the Senate Committee did not plan any additional Agency budget cuts. McConnell said he did not propose any further cut and he is aware of no other thoughts in their Committee along this line, but he could not speak for the Chairman at this point. (This information was passed on to Mr. Briggs who advised me he is still negotiating with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, regarding [REDACTED])

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TASS REPORTS COLBY TESTIMONY ON CIA ACTIONS IN CHILE

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(Text) Washington October 23--Tass--Fresh Facts have been learned here about the subversive activity of the USA Central Intelligence Agency against Salvador Allende's Popular Unity Government prior to September eleventh. These facts are contained in the transcript of secret testimonies by CIA Director William Colby and CIA senior staff member F. Davis at the Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives. A summary of the testimonies was published by the "Washington Post."

The testimony of the CIA leaders shows that the Department carried on large-scale secret intervention in the inner-political and economic affairs of Chile. This activity, the newspaper said, included infiltration into all principal political parties, support of anti-governmental demonstrations and alignments, subsidies for opposition press organs

The United States, the Washington Post goes on to say, refused credits to the Allende government to wreck the Chilean economy and also obstructed the granting of loans to Chile by international financial agencies. The only exception was made for the sale on credit of American weapons to the Chilean armed forces. Thus, the United States sought to speed up the economic crisis in the country and to encourage internal opposition to the popular unity government.

The testimony of the CIA Director and other information show that the United States maintained close contacts with the Chilean military throughout the period following Allende's electoral victory, the newspaper says.

The Washington Post adds that the CIA allocated 400, 000 dollars for supporting press organs opposing Allende on the eve of the presidential elections.

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